

county. Ordered, That Messrs. Roberts, Meconnikin and Stevens, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from Martha Graham, of Frederick county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Haynie and Bowles.

Mr. Lanham delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. F. M. Hall delivers a petition from the Philomanthanean Society of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, praying for an act of incorporation, and for a lottery; which was read and referred to Messrs. F. M. Hall, Callis and Somerville.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the sale of the poor house and ground belonging hereto in Baltimore county, and to provide for building a new one; which was read.

Mr. Sellman delivers a petition from the trustees of the West River Lancaster School, in Anne-Arundel county, praying for an annual donation; which was read and referred to Messrs. Sellman, R. Dorsey and Stoddert.

Mr. Harrison delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying for the establishment of a bank in the town of Centreville; which was read and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Roberts and Stevens.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 14, 1816.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to release the right of the state to a part of a tract of land therein mentioned,

the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hager's town in Washington county, and the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in the several counties therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers a bill, entitled, An act securing to mechanics and others payment for their labour and materials in erecting any house or other building within the city and precincts of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Dennis delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jacob Morris; junior, of Somerset county; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Posey from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jane White, beg leave to report, that upon examination of the said petition, and the documents to which it refers, they are decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the said Jane White ought to be granted. Your committee therefore recommend to this honourable house to pass the law accompanying this report.

By order,

M. LATIMER, Ck.

Which, with the bill accompanying the said report, entitled, An act for the relief of Jane White, were read.

Mr. Potts delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the erection of a new courthouse in Hager's-town, Washington county, and a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Washington county; which were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Washington, Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of recommending to the general government the adoption of such measures as to them may seem most advisable, to prevent or limit the exportation of grain, in consequence of the general failure of fall crops, the distresses of the poor, and scarcity to be apprehended the ensuing spring; the committee to consist of five, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. Messrs. Washington, Stoddert, Somerville, Thomas and Quinton, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Roberts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned as relates to Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a public road to be laid out from the road leading from William Clark's ford, on Deer creek, to Belle-Air; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Glenn and Sewell.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Wright, of Lemuel, late of Caroline county, deceased, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act for altering and amending an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The report in favour of Allen Townsend of Allegany county, a revolutionary soldier, was read the second time, concurred in, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. H. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the rector of St. John's parish in Harford and Baltimore counties; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 13, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into an appointment of a senator to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honourable Mr. Harper. The senate in postponing the proposed election have been actuated only with a view to the public good; aware of the high and responsible situation of an United States senator, they are anxious that the public expression should be as general as possible; and their body not being full, several members having left the senate under the impression that no election would take place this week, for these reasons the senate decline for the present going into an ap-